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# EUROPEAN BOARD OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

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Dear Candidate,

Enclosed please find the organisational details of the European Board of Ophthalmology Diploma Examination.

The schedule of the examination is as follows:

### **Friday, May 5, 2006**

#### **1. Registration 8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.**

Registration opens at 8:15 a.m. in the Palais des Congrès. The room numbers will be confirmed next week. You will be asked to show your passport or another ID which has your photograph attached, and you will be provided with an identity card that must be worn throughout the entire examination. Around 8:45 a.m. you can enter the examination room where you will be asked to sit at the place where an envelope with your name is found. Do not open the envelope before you are asked to.

**We are aware that a few candidates will arrive from the ARVO congress on the morning of May 5, 2006. If you belong to this group, please announce yourself immediately to both [tero.kivela@helsinki.fi](mailto:tero.kivela@helsinki.fi) and [ivan.haeffliger@bluewin.ch](mailto:ivan.haeffliger@bluewin.ch) for further instructions.**

#### **2. Written Examination 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.**

The written multiple choice question (MCQ) session will begin at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Please be punctual, because candidates will not be allowed to enter the examination room after the start of the examination. All your belonging including foods, drinks, calculators, phones, handbags, etc, should be left out of the examination room. A cloakroom will be available

Answering time is 3 hours, including time needed for instructions and the time needed to fill up the answer sheet. Instructions regarding the answer sheet will be given first. The written paper consists of 52 stems which each have 4 leaves that are either True or False. Be aware that you will only be able to leave the room if you have finished your examination and that. No one will be allowed to leave the room before 10.30. Pencils will be available to fill in the answer sheet.

### 3. *Viva Voce Examination 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.*

The oral *viva voce* sessions will begin at 1:00 p.m. sharp. There will be four rounds of vivas in ten groups of four candidates. A roster will be displayed outside the examination room which shows at which time you must be present for the oral examination. Again, please be punctual because the Congress Center will close at the end of the examination and therefore we will have little scope for delays.

You will be examined in four *viva voce* sessions (in every session by two different examiners) in random order for 15 minutes each as follows:

- A. Optics, Refraction and Neuro-ophthalmology
- B. Cornea, External Diseases, Orbit and Ocular Adnexa
- C. Glaucoma, Cataract and Refractive Surgery
- D. Posterior Segment, Ocular Inflammation and Uveitis

Scoring will be as follows:

Outstanding	10-9
Good pass	8-7
Pass	6
Fail, can compensate one section	5
Fail, no possibility of compensation	4

Beside English, according to the availability of examiners, one of the examiners should be able to speak the language of your first choice. Every effort will be made to ensure this for each candidate, but the organisers can not be responsible e.g. for delays in flights and other *force majeure*, which may prevent this. Please be aware that this is not a language examination. The examiners have been clearly instructed to always give due allowance to any language problems, should they arise.

The four rounds are scheduled as follows:

Round 1	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Round 2	2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Round 3	3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Round 4	4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

**Because of a record number of candidates this year, more than 150, the organisers reserve the possibility of rescheduling one round of examinations to take place on Saturday morning should major delays occur. This is because there will be little or no extra time on Friday to allow for unexpected delays.**

**We advice you to plan your stay so that you will be available also on Saturday morning until the award ceremony. Thank you for your cooperation.**

Please be punctual.

Information regarding the syllabus is available on the web site [www.ebo-online.org/ebod.html](http://www.ebo-online.org/ebod.html)

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**Saturday, May 6, 2006**

**4. *Display of Results 12:00 a.m.***

The results of the examination will be displayed at 12:00 on Saturday May 6, 2006, in the Palais des Congrès, outside the examination room. The candidates will either pass or fail the test.

**5. *Award Ceremony 12:30 a.m.- 1.30 p.m.***

The award ceremony in the presence of the European Board commences at 12:30 a.m.. The Diplomas will be delivered immediately to the successful candidates who are already registered specialists within the European Union, Norway, Iceland or Switzerland. The candidates who are residents and not yet certified specialists (like it is the case for many candidates from Belgium, France, Switzerland, etc.) will have an opportunity to hold the Diploma for photography of the occasion, but the actual Diploma will then be sent to their EBO National Delegate who will donate it to them once they will have obtained their national certification as a specialist in ophthalmology. Until that time, they will get a photocopy as proof of passing the examination.

Cocktails will be served at the end of the ceremony, which will dissolve at 1:30 p.m.

We welcome all of you to Paris on behalf of the Board and the Education Committee.

Please be aware that you can reach the examination office by e-mail to [tero.kivela@helsinki.fi](mailto:tero.kivela@helsinki.fi) and [ivan.haefliger@bluewin.ch](mailto:ivan.haefliger@bluewin.ch) until May 4, 2006.

Yours sincerely,

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President

Professor Ivan Haefliger, MD, FEBO  
Chairman, Education Committee

## **How to Reach the Palais des Congrès**

### ***With Métro***

Line 1 (La Défense - Château de Vincennes)

Step out at Station Porte Maillot

Direct access to Congress Center, please follow signs Palais des Congrès

### ***With RER***

Line C

Step out at Station Neuilly-Porte Maillot-Palais des Congrès

Direct access to Congress Center, please follow signs Palais des Congrès

### ***With RATP Bus***

Lines 82, 73, 43, 244 or PC

### ***With Airport Bus***

Bus AIR FRANCE from the Charles de Gaulle Airport

Departures every 12 minutes from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Step out at Porte Maillot: Boulevard Gouvion St-Cyr in front of Hôtel Méridien

### ***With Car***

Follow the routes:

Périphérique Intérieur: leave at Sortie Porte Maillot

Périphérique Extérieur: leave at Sortie Porte des Ternes

Underground parking for 1800 vehicles with direct access to Palais des Congrès

More information at the web site

[www.ebo-online.org/ebod.html](http://www.ebo-online.org/ebod.html), please follow the link Dates and Venue